

MUSEUMS OF SPORT

TRAVELLING TO BRITAIN? THEN VISIT . . .

THE WIMBLEDON LAWN TENNIS MUSEUM

The Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum is the only one of its kind in the world. The material on display has been collected over many years and includes several collections and numerous gifts from a great many individuals. The Museum also includes a library, The Kenneth Ritchie Wimbledon Library. The archives of this library comprise collections of photographs, films, documents, postcards, autographs and other ephemera.

The Museum sets out to show the visitor something of the games which preceded lawn tennis and which helped in its conception and development. It then goes on to games played before the 1870s when lawn tennis came in. It traces its development over the century which has elapsed since Major Walter Wingfield and John Hinde Hale first introduced the then new pastime to the young men and women of mid-Victorian England.

The Museum tells the history of the game of lawn tennis and its antecedents. The aim of the Museum is to change some exhibits from time to time and to feature special or unusual small exhibitions.

A highlight is to stand at the Centre Court viewing platform and listen to a tape-recording of an exciting Wimbledon final . . . unless, of course, you have already watched one live.

The address is The All England Club, Church Road, Wimbledon SW19 5AE (Tel.: 01-946 6131)

THE NATIONAL HORSERACING MUSEUM

The National Horseracing Museum opened its doors to the public on May 1st, 1983. For more than three hundred years Britain has led the world in horseracing; yet no museum, which tells the whole thrilling story of the turf, has ever existed - until now.

Housed in an elegant Regency building in the heart of Newmarket, the museum is a high-spot of a visit to the town. Its five galleries, temporary exhibitions, film shows, walled garden, coffee bar, library and souvenir shop provides something for everyone.

The thrills of the race, the skills of the riders, the might of the

thoroughbreds, the crush of the crowds - all can be seen at the National Horseracing Museum. Paintings, prints and photographs, silks, saddles and all manner of souvenirs tell the story of Britain's eminence on the turf. how the foundations were laid and the laws set down.

Further information may be obtained from the curator - Mr. Richard Kilburn, The National Horseracing Museum, 99 High Street, Newmarket, Suffolk CBB 8JL - telephone Newmarket (0638) 667333